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REMARKS

On 30 July 1952, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Hagenow (J 54/T 24) was occupied to capacity by about 4,000 troops. Most of the soldiers wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and some red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, signal, motor transport or an insignia representing a shell, and black-bordered black epaulets. About 100 trucks were lined up in the billeting area. A resident stated that the troops had occupied the installation only a few days before. Six 122-mm field howitzers, 9 x 76.2-mm field guns, 2 x 120-mm mortars, 4 x 82-mm mortars and 12 light machine guns were parked in the adjacent training area. In the morning, three units totaling about 600 troops fell in for roll call. A short time later, about 500 troops were engaged in close-order drill, training in the terrain, signal-communication practice and gun drill. An amphibious car occupied by eight officers drove into the billeting area.

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Comment. [] an estimated 4,000 troops [] have been stationed in the kaserne in mid-March 1952. If all units permanently stationed there were present at that time, it appeared that the occupation was overestimated by about 800 men.

[] the 107th Gds Engr Bn of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div permanently stationed there was still in the Bittkau area on the Elbe River in July 1952. Therefore, the total figure of 4,000 men is still more unlikely. Moreover, it is believed that elements of the 283d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt from Hagenow are engaged in guard duty at the zonal border. Therefore, the figure can be considered as only a rough estimate which indicates that, probably, the majority of the units of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div stationed there were in their quarters on 30 July 1952.

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